

Identity Theft And Your Tax Return

The Division of Revenue wants to provide Delawareans with information about one of the most common and costly forms of identity theft – tax return fraud. Tax return fraud occurs when someone uses your Social Security number to file a tax return, and claims a fraudulent refund.

It's important that citizens be aware of the steps they can take if they suspect or have been informed that they have been a victim of tax-related identity theft.

“As criminals continue to develop increasingly sophisticated ways to steal your personal information, our goal is to identify and apply safeguards that will better protect taxpayers and fight identity theft,” said Division of Revenue Director, David Gregor. “Identity theft places a burden on its victims, and presents special challenges for businesses, organizations and government agencies.”

The Division of Revenue has provided a new web resource that can help citizens who believe they may have been a victim of a tax-related identity theft.

The Warning Signs of Identity Theft

- You receive correspondence requesting tax return information for a return that you have not filed yet.
- You are notified that a return has already been filed using your name or social security number.
- You receive a balance due or refund offset notice for a tax year in which have not yet filed a tax return.

To learn more, visit the [Identity Theft and Victim Assistance](#) page at revenue.delaware.gov.